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Subject: FW: Plan and Mission for OPP POU 31Jan-01/02Feb

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Subject: Re: Plan and Mission for OPP POU 31Jan-01/02Feb

Thanks Chris. Tom

Thomas Carrique
Commissioner
Ontario Provincial Police

From: Harkins, Chris (OPP)
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 21:14
To: DiMarco, Rose (OPP); Carrique, Thomas (OPP); Cox, Chuck (OPP)
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Subject: Re: Plan and Mission for OPP POU 31Jan-01/02Feb

Thanks Rose.
Commissioner I was speaking with Karl and we will be going to a Provincial deployment to assist with the 29 members per 12hrs until Wednesday. Looking at drawing from Central and HSD. If no success we will go into West or East end of NE.
Having a call with the RC's shortly.

Chris

Chris Harkins
Deputy Commissioner
Field Operations
Ontario Provincial Police

From: DiMarco, Rose (OPP)
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 20:23
To: Carrique, Thomas (OPP); Harkins, Chris (OPP); Cox, Chuck (OPP)
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Sir / Chris
Please see updates on POU and ER resources.

Thanks
Rose

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Date: Jan. 30, 2022 8:02 p.m.

Subject: Plan and Mission for OPP POU 31Jan-01/02Feb

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Deputy,

As discussed briefly earlier today, it is now confirmed that there will be a change to OPP POU and specialized services posture and deployment to Ottawa regarding the T/T Freedom Convoy.

MCIC Insp Varga provides a thorough summary below, the highlights of which are as follows:

- ▽ Consultation at NCRCC between PPS, OPS and OPP have resulted in changes to OPP POU posture, reporting and structure. It was their consensus that the majority of attending "protestors" are congregated within City of Ottawa, mostly around Wellington Street, and appear to pose no direct threat or impact to Parliament Precinct. Based on that, Command from PPS, OPS and OPP POU along with MCIC Varga and I, concur that OPP POU will shift to embed with OPS POU at their request.
- ▽ OPP will provide to OPS one full section of OPP POU augmented as per our normal deployment. This will consist of 52 OPP members.
- ▽ We will be releasing specialized services of TRU Overwatch, ORT and UCRT and 8 ERT POU members tonight.
- ▽ Tomorrow we will release 8 additional POU ERT members from NW to take their flight back to Region.
- ▽ The anticipated deployment for our remaining 52 members embedded with Ottawa will be Monday January 31st and Tuesday February 1.
- ▽ Of note, there is some information that the Mayor of Ottawa may be seeking an injunction to require T/T vehicles and protestors to vacate the city. I am uncertain of the legalities around this or if it will be granted. If granted it is expected to be enforced on Wednesday. In that case OPS has requested our 52 members remain to assist with that function until Thursday.

I will keep you updated as to that development but if it happens we intend to maintain the Provincial EOC until EOD Thursday and/or until our members are released.

ER – OPS Request for Assistance

Additionally, as you may know from ER...OPS has requested 29 uniform members to assist OPS with traffic and minor calls for service. ER is supplying these bodies and will keep ER EOC operating with an IC and scribe while their members are deployed overnight.

I have given authorization for the Provincial EOC to close for the night and shift ops to POC for emergent needs. If the matter in ER changes Insp. Varga will be notified by the POC and we will re-open the Provincial EOC to assist. At this point however I do not believe the Provincial EOC needs to stay up for the night.

Insp. Varga's comprehensive summary is below.

Please let me know if any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Dan

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From: Varga, Joseph (OPP)
Sent: 30-Jan-22 7:16 PM

Supt.

As you are aware OPP POU direct support to PPS will conclude this evening. At the request of OPS and the NCRCC Command Group, OPP POU has now been requested to support OPS with the ongoing POU deployment in the City of Ottawa.

OPS advises that their concept of operations in regards to the on-going POU deployment plan will likely be:

- ▽ Demobilization of the truck protest on Wellington Avenue
- ▽ Provide security for the downtown area and disperse the protest
- ▽ Provide support for PPS and RCMP in the Parliamentary Precinct

This concept of operations is anticipated to utilize OPP POU (in conjunction with all other assisting agency POU units) in the following time line:

- ▽ Monday – coordinated zone deployments in the Wellington/downtown to encourage compliance with all laws and support PLT efforts to have protesters leave the area; may result in POU support to remove those who will not leave if OPS POU plan is supported to action
- ▽ Tuesday – If compliance to leave is not obtained then the City of Ottawa intends to seek an injunction to remove protesters due to economic impact. OPP POU would be required to continue to support security for the downtown core and facilitate dispersal of the protesters
- ▽ Wednesday – if the injunction is issued then OPP POU would be utilized to assist with enforcement of injunction as directed

Based on observations today and OPS input, the potential for self-extrication and demobilization by some, if not all, of the trucks and protesters is increasing barring any trigger or event that emboldens their protest action.

A review of the shift of OPP POU support from PPS to OPS has resulted in a re-evaluation of required OPP POU resources. Subsequently there is no requirement for ORT/DECON as OPS will have that handled. In addition, once operating within the City of Ottawa, they will have the tactical oversight so we will no longer require our sierra's beyond today. Releasing ORT/Decon as well as Tactical Oversight will release 14 bodies back to their home location. Further 8 POU members will be returning to their home locations at the end of shift tonight due to other operational commitments. On Tuesday morning another 8 POU members from North West will be returning to their home locations as well. (first flight back). On Tuesday morning we will then have a total of 52 POU members deployed as an enhanced POU section to assist OPS.

Having said that based on the above OPS concept of operations and the requirement for OPP POU support I respectfully request that the EOC anticipate to be stood up until at least Thursday to support our OPP POU members deployed within the City of Ottawa as well as East Region as East Region will no doubt run into issues with the mass exodus of vehicles of the City of Ottawa.

Regards

JJV

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Major Critical Incident Commander
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